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When students return on Monday, they'll be learning in a different way.

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Preservation Society is building its case to prevent demolition.

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Take a break

Agnes Jamieson Gallery is hosting a series of art workshops for kids.

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One million dollars

That's how much winter has cost county roads department

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The county has spent nearly \$1 million on roads this winter, well ahead of where they were this time last year, the director of public works said.

Most of that is due to above-normal snowfall we've received, such as last weekend's storm that dumped more than a foot of snow on Minden.

Doug Ray says that by mid-January, the county roads department had plowed as much as they did all winter last year.

"Our total budget for winter maintenance is getting very close to \$1 million," he said.

The roads department is now working on snow removal. They are cutting off the tops of snow banks and trucking snow away to their yards. After the snow melts, Ray said the county will gather up the snow and sand left from the snow they collected and reuse it.

Ray said it is hard to estimate how much the county spends for each snowstorm because there are so many variables.

"On a day like Saturday they wouldn't use a lot of salt because

see SNOW PLOWS page 14



Jenn Watt/TIMES

In the key of fun

Zach Cox fastens one of the final pieces into his new guitar. He was one of the students of the School of Rock at the Community Centre for March break. All participants in the program got to make their own electric guitar with Eldon Yourkin from Straight Edge Music in Lindsay.

Workshop taps into concerns

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

There were many experts but no answers for Shawn Arscott and Darlene Buckingham at the drinking water protection workshop on Thursday evening at the Minden Legion.

They drove an hour from Tory Hill to get more information on uranium in ground water after learning a mine may open near

their home.

But they were told that none of the five presenters knew enough about the topic to help. They were pointed to the Ministry of the Environment and a water testing company in Lakefield to find out if they could be in danger if a mine comes to Highlands East.

"You can't get an answer tonight," Mark Majchrowski, director of watershed management at Kawartha Conservation, said.

Majchrowski assured them that the local source protection authority was aware of their concerns but that the Minden workshop organized by his group was arranged to help well owners deal with more standard problems such as e. coli contamination.

"If everything's contaminated [with uranium] ... none of this means anything," Arscott told Majchrowski.

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Shooting deer from road leads to \$1,750 in fines

Two Minden men have been fined \$1,750, and banned from hunting for a year for shooting from the road and killing a white-tailed deer that was on private property.

William Reid, 62, was fined \$1,000 and received a one-year hunting suspension. Brandon Reid, 17, was fined \$750, received a one-year hunting suspension and is required to retake the Ontario Hunter Safety Education course. Both men pleaded guilty under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act.

Court heard that on November 12, 2007, the men saw a white-tailed deer on private property while driving on Bethel Road, north of Minden. Brandon Reid shot and killed the deer from the road. The men loaded the deer into William Reid's truck and took it to their home.

Justice of the Peace Diane Jackson heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Minden, on March 6, 2008.

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Dorset wants to build its field of dreams

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 6 Algonquin Highlands council meeting.

The Dorset ball diamond rehabilitation project is dreaming big. In a letter to council, chair of the committee, Jim Jones, lists a court surface, walking track, playground, privy and pavilion and covering structure for the skating rink as goals. The letter asked council for advice on covering the rink before the group proceeds. The letter was copied to Lake of Bays mayor Janet Peake. Council has asked Jones to present the group's vision in person for further clarification at an upcoming council meeting.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Algonquin Highlands

accepted a position on the source-protection working group for Kawartha-Haliburton.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison already sits on the source protection authority, which is one step higher than the working group.

The purpose is to identify current and potential issues regarding the watershed. The source-protection process has been unpopular with councillors in all municipalities due to its weighty bureaucracy and unclear decision-making process.

Space for waste

Council is flush out of ideas for septage removal after attending Minden Hills's meeting last week. CAO Lorne Mitchell and Harrison told Algonquin Highlands that Minden doesn't have the capacity to take the municipality's waste. Approaching Minden for help was part of the environmental assessment process for the township. Currently, Algonquin Highlands uses a lagoon for the left-over solids from residents' septic systems, but it is not a feasible long-term system.

Water committee unpopular

After much persuasion, Councillor Carol Moffatt



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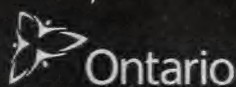
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S.R.C. 1985, CHAPITRE N-22

McCormick Rankin Corporation (MRC), au nom du Ministère des Transports de l'Ontario (MTO), donne avis, par les présentes, qu'une demande a été déposée auprès du Ministre des Transports, de l'Infrastructure et des Collectivités en vertu de la Loi sur la protection des eaux navigables, pour l'approbation de l'ouvrage décrit dans les présentes, ainsi que son emplacement et ces plans.

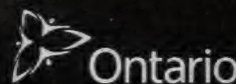
MRC, au nom de MTO, a, en vertu de l'article 9 de ladite loi, déposé auprès du Ministre des Transports, de l'Infrastructure et des Collectivités et du bureau du cadastre du comté de Haliburton à Minden (Ontario), sous le numéro de dépôt 275976 une description de l'ouvrage suivant, son emplacement et ses plans :

Reparation de l'acier à un pont existant au-dessus du Lac des Baies sur la route 35, dans la partie du Lot 30, Concession A, dans la municipalité géographique de Sherborne, dans la municipalité d'Algonquin Highlands, comté de Haliburton, Province de l'Ontario.

Les commentaires relatifs à l'effet de l'ouvrage sur la navigation maritime peuvent être adressés au Gestionnaire, Programme de la protection des eaux navigables, Transports Canada, 100, Rue Front Sud, Sarnia (Ontario) N7T 2M4. Veuillez noter que seuls les commentaires faits par écrit et reçus au plus tard 30 jours suivant la date de cet avis seront considérés. Même si tous les commentaires répondant à ces exigences sont considérés, aucune réponse individuelle ne sera envoyée.

Fait à Ottawa (Ontario) le 28^{ème} jour de février, 2008.

Sascha Schreiber, P. Eng.
McCormick Rankin Corporation



NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT

R.S.C. 1985, CHAPTER N-22

McCormick Rankin Corporation (MRC), on behalf of the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO), hereby gives notice that an application has been made to the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities pursuant to the Navigable Waters Protection Act for approval of the work described herein and its site and plans.

Pursuant to section 9 of the said Act, MRC, on behalf of the MTO, has deposited with the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities and in the office of the District Registrar of the Land Registry County of Haliburton at Minden, Ontario, under deposit number 275976, a description of the following work, its site and plans:

Steel repairs at an existing bridge over the Lake of Bays located on Highway 35 in part of Lot 30, Concession A, in the Geographic Township of Sherborne, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, in the County of Haliburton, in the Province of Ontario.

Comments regarding the effect of this work on marine navigation may be directed to: Manager, Navigable Waters Protection Program, Transport Canada, 100 Front Street South, Sarnia, ON N7T 2M4. However, comments will be considered only if they are in writing and are received no later than 30 days after the date of this notice. Although all comments conforming to the above will be considered, no individual response will be sent.

Signed at Ottawa, Ontario this 28th day of February, 2008.

Sascha Schreiber, P. Eng.
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Maundy Thursday, March 20

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Good Friday, March 21

Choral Good Friday Service

(Combined Choirs of Zion and Haliburton United Churches)

9 a.m. Zion United Church, Carnarvon

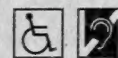
11:15 a.m. Haliburton United Church

Easter Sunday, March 23

Sunrise Service - 7:15 a.m. in 12 Mile Lake Church

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March 18, 2008

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Making the grade

Review of EQAO results prompts ASES to make changes to the way it teaches students

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

When Archie Stouffer Elementary School students come back from March break, they will need to adjust to a new schedule recommended by the school board and Ontario ministry of education.

Called a "balanced" schedule, it consists of three 100-minute blocks of instruction (to allow for uninterrupted study in reading, writing and math), and is one of many changes happening at the school after it was given an Ontario Focused Intervention Partnership level 3 designation in October.

"OFIP-3 schools ... are the schools that are getting a school effectiveness framework review, district review visit, and those two would be Archie Stouffer and Stuart Baker," said Gale Sherin, superintendent of elementary school improvement for the school board.

The OFIP program is based on scores at individual schools. Level 3 is for schools where 50 to 75 per cent of students are reaching acceptable reading test scores, but that level of achievement is either declining or has stalled.

The goal of the program is to keep all schools achieving better scores based on standardized tests given to students at regular intervals.

"Our scores are good but [the ministry of education] has seen ... that it is possible to dramatically improve scores," said ASES principal Joan Harpell.

Throughout February, Sherin and a team of 20 came to ASES to assess the school's practices. They sat in on classes and interviewed teachers. In the end, they gave recommendations on how to improve students' scores.

"We're looking for trends across the school and areas requiring improvement, so it's not about individual teacher practice but about school as a whole can focus their efforts," said Sherin.

They also identified the school's strengths such as attentive, caring teachers, a warm atmosphere, good attention to literacy and numeracy and integration of special education into regular classrooms.

One of the new tools to be used by ASES is the school effectiveness framework, which includes four areas of focus: instructional leadership, student achievement, curriculum and instructional strategies, and assessment.

"In each of those areas they have highlighted 10-15 important indicators of good, effective school approaches. What we did then was go over what we do and search and see if we are routinely approaching those indicators. It's like a checklist of what we need to have in place," said Harpell.

ASES will also be getting funding for three literacy coaches — something Harpell is excited about.

"Because we are a very large school, [Sherin] thought it would be useful to have a separate [coach] for primary and a separate one for junior and she has allowed us to add someone from the intermediate division that hasn't been funded by the board up until now," Harpell said.

"I think that's great. We're very pleased with that part of it," she said.

But the process is not always smooth and Harpell notes there is a lot of upfront work for staff to do in order to conform to the recommendations of the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat and the school board.

"At this stage, yes, it is a lot more work for us. There are things we need to learn.

"As a practising teacher, once you have things set up, you have structures that you work from. This means changing the structures," she said.

Changing the structures is not the only frustrating thing about OFIP, said the local representative of the teachers' union.

"Our problem is EQAO

[Education, Quality and Accountability Office]. The use of EQAO [scores] to identify schools is problematic because there are far more factors that should be considered in determining the school's success. They're focused on the scores from last year to determine what they're going to do this year," said Steve Colliver, president of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario local.

The standardized test results — commonly referred to as EQAO — are charted over time and the trends are what determine whether schools change their practices.

Colliver said that the tests do not show the whole picture of a student and limit the amount of time teachers have to be creative.

"My members — all 700 of them across the board from

Huntsville down to Pontypool — they are completely overwhelmed with the number of formalized assessments they're being asked to do all in the name of preparing for EQAO and boosting the scores," Colliver said.

"Our position is that schools and teachers should always be working toward continuous improvement. However, they have to look at a variety of indicators to establish strengths and to set goals," he said.

"Focusing on the snapshot of the EQAO testing that was done last year, that particular few days that they put the kids through their paces for the ministry-mandated assessments, seems to be the focus and the be-all and end-all and there's more to the kids than this," he said.

The teachers and staff at ASES

have been adapting well to the new program, said Harpell.

"They were wonderful about it and they all said if it means we need to learn some things, we can do that. I was totally, totally impressed by their reaction," she said.

"OFIP at other levels has been indicating that he scores aren't high enough. What they were saying to us was that your scores are good but we can make them better. They appreciated that," Harpell said.

According to the ministry of education, there are 1,100 schools that fall under the OFIP program this year.

The money ASES will receive to make the recommended changes comes from a \$25-million allocation made by the provincial government for the program.

Matt James/TIMES



Starting Monday, a student's day will be broken into three 100-minute segments. This is to give them uninterrupted time to learn core subjects in the hopes of raising their standardized test scores.



Jenn Watt/TIMES

Sharon Luke and Susan Sheehan of the Pritchard House Preservation Society will present a consultant's report to Minden Hills council in a last attempt to save the house from demolition.

Society hopes report will save Pritchard House from demolition

by JENN WATT
Times staff

It will cost \$94,000 to renovate Pritchard House and the Preservation Society is willing to fundraise all of it, say two members set on saving the contested building on Prince Street.

On March 13, Sharon Luke and Susan Sheehan of the Pritchard House Preservation Society will present a consultant's report to Minden Hills council in a last attempt to save the house from demolition.

"The consultant's report covers multiple options in regards to the building itself from renovating it ... right through to the option of selling the building and the land to selling the building and leasing the land," Luke said.

"But we think that the municipality, considering they just bought 2 Prince St., they're not going to be interested in selling," she added.

Pritchard House is named after Lawrence Pritchard, who was once warden of Haliburton County and reeve of Anson, Hindon and Minden, and lived in the house.

The report, developed by Dave Turney, was requested by council in May when the society first came together to save the house. At that time council was unsure what to do with the building that was occupied by the Haliburton Highlands Handweavers and Spinners as well as U-Links.

The two groups have since moved out on council's orders.

But Pritchard House could be occupied again as office space, the Preservation Society argues, with two office spaces on the main floor and three upstairs. Each would be rented for \$375 a month and the

group says the Haliburton County Community Cooperative is interested in leasing.

The report outlines everything that would need to be done to improve the building and install a wheelchair lift and even looks at how to raise the money.

It has \$20,000 coming from Minden Hills.

"If it would cost them approximately \$20,000 to tear it down, it's only fair that their contribution would be \$20,000," Luke said.

The house has been assessed at \$140,000 in value, but the Preservation Society estimates that will go up to \$250,000 after the renovations.

The group plans to apply for Trillium Foundation funding for the wheelchair lift, will apply to the Haliburton County Development Corporation for an interest-free loan, and will provide \$15,000 of in-kind materials and labour.

But even with a completed consultant's report, Luke and Sheehan aren't overly optimistic about saving the house.

"We always understood there was an ulterior motive why they wanted the whole block of property," said Luke, referring to the recent purchase of 2 Prince St. by the municipality.

"There is no interest or desire on their part to save the building," Sheehan said.

The Preservation Society has been drumming up support through ads in the newspaper and their website, www.pritchard-house.ca where there are dozens of signatures on their online petition. One signature is from someone who says he's Joseph Pritchard's great-grandson.

"I don't think council knows the extent of the community support to save the house," Sheehan said.



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APPROVED 2008/2009 ANNUAL WORK SCHEDULE ALGONQUIN PARK FOREST MANAGEMENT UNIT

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has approved the 2008/2009 annual work schedule for the Algonquin Park Forest Management Unit.

The annual work schedule describes forest operations (i.e. road construction and maintenance, harvesting, regeneration, tree planting and tending operations) that may occur between April 1, 2008 and March 31, 2009.

For further information about tree planting jobs on the management unit, please contact the Area Forester, Algonquin Forestry Authority, Pembroke Office (see address below).

The annual work schedule, and all subsequent revisions, will remain available for inspection during normal business hours for its one-year term at the addresses below.

A mapped summary of scheduled forest management operations, and information regarding the annual work schedule, can be obtained by contacting the Algonquin Forestry Authority, or the ministry at the following addresses:

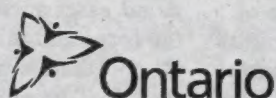
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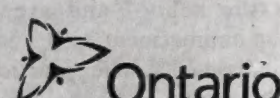
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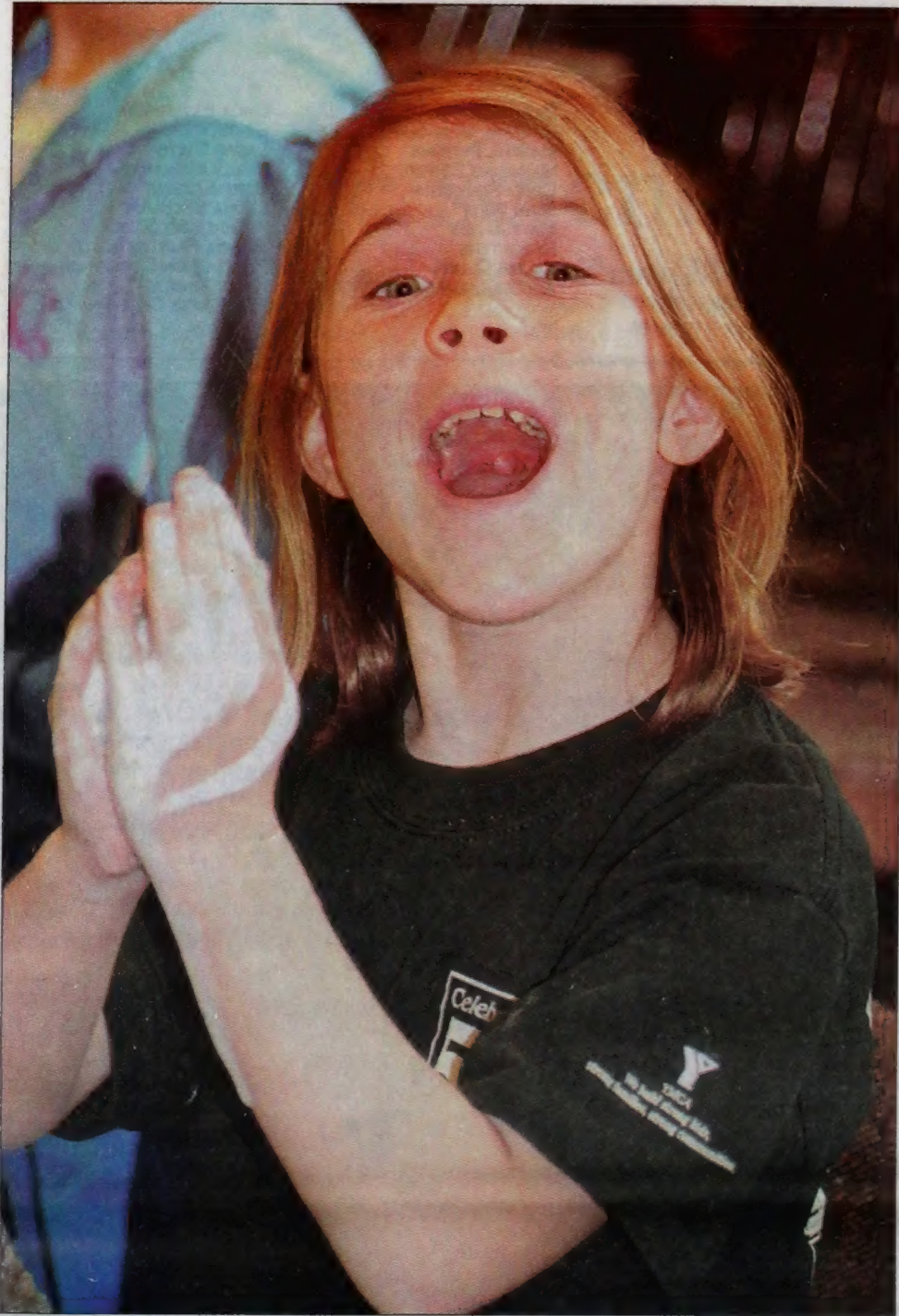
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Warm fuzzies for frosty March break

Nine kids came out to the Minden Cultural Centre on Tuesday to learn the ancient art of felt making with Fay Wilkinson.

Top: Ariel Wess is awe-struck by the soft materials.

Bottom left: Friends Brooke Baumhour, left, and Vanessa Douglas are having a great break together.

Right: Dominique Douglas, left, and Brittney Pitcher, laugh at the antics of a fellow workshop participant.

Photos by Jenn Watt



Sustainable Living Centre,
Kinark Outdoor Centre,
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ENVIRO FAIR at the Kinark Outdoor Centre March 15th

The focus of the fair is energy conservation and alternative energy. Vendors and exhibitors around the community will be showcasing products and services that can help individuals and families learn how to reduce their energy consumption and live a more sustainable lifestyle.

In addition, Pam Sayne from Know Your Home Inspections Inc. will present a seminar to interested participants on how to access Provincial and Federal retrofit and energy savings programs, environmentally conscious construction options and more!

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12PM-1PM

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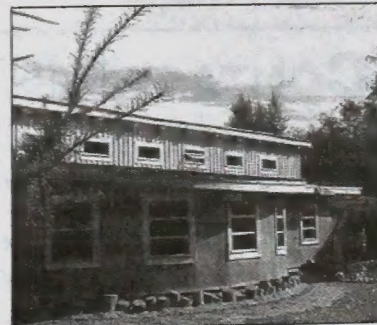
Keynote Speaker

Pam Sayne

The Sustainable Living Centre has been the new program area for many schools and interested workshop participants over the past year. Teaching all about sustainable living, energy conservation and environmental awareness, the Sustainable Living Centre and Classroom is offering many new and innovative programs for all ages and interests.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Cut!

The people who lived in Haliburton 25 years ago still talk about the buzz when *Meatballs* came to town. The movie, starring many of Canada's emerging comedy stars, was filmed at a local camp and the cast and crew rented local houses and cottages. Local residents acted as extras and businesses benefited from the sudden influx of customers. It was a party.

About 9,000 days later – give or take a few hundred days – Disney also sets up camp in the Highlands to film one of its *High School Musical* spin offs.

This time the buzz is limited to the few dozen high school students who are invited to take part, as well as the staff at the two camps, including Kilcoo on Highway 35, where filming takes place.

To read the county's economic department's new film policy, you'd think that *Meatballs* turned Haliburton County into a mecca for movie makers, and that film companies are banging at our doors wanting to be let in to this huge forested movie set. You'd think that somewhere in Hollywood there was a movie director wondering where he could blow up a truck or stage the next Armageddon, his thoughts leading him to Haliburton. You'd also worry that a sex scene might be filmed in Panaromic Park, tarnishing the view of Minden or that Buttermilk Falls would be turned into a churning sea of red during a gratuitously violent gun battle.

Why? Because the county's new film policy tries to envision all of these things happening and puts safeguards in place to control the outcome. It wants money up front should something go wrong. It wants permissions to be sought and granted long before the director yells "Action!" It wants to be able to shut down production should the movie be deemed to be distasteful.

If movie-making is to be part of Haliburton County's economic development, why are we putting a huge stop sign at our borders? The policy is like walking into a Highlands store in the summer, the windows plastered with signs telling you all the things you can't do – no food, no bare feet, no knapsacks... Where is the "Welcome to the Highlands" sign?

It is true that we need certain safeguards – if a truck was to be blown up on Highway 35 you'd want to make sure that the police and fire crews know that they didn't have to respond. But movie companies know all that and, quite willingly, work with local representatives to guarantee there's little negative impact on a community. It's not like this is the first time they've done this.

Instead of envisioning all the worst-case scenarios the county should be working with the film industry to see if more can be done to promote Haliburton as an ideal location. Right now, the Ontario Media Development Corporation's website lists only six spots in the county where a filmmaker might like to set up his camera. Six. Wouldn't this county's economy be better developed if we worked with the corporation to attract more movies here, to do a better job of telling film companies the possibilities that exist here?

Of course, anyone who works in the film industry in Ontario right now is wondering what's the point of any of this. With the high Canadian dollar, few film companies find it feasible to come here. Ontario's film industry is in the doldrums; thousands of people are laid off or picking up only a handful of short-term jobs. Countries such as Croatia are the new hot spots and you know what, Croatia has forests too.

Martha Perkins

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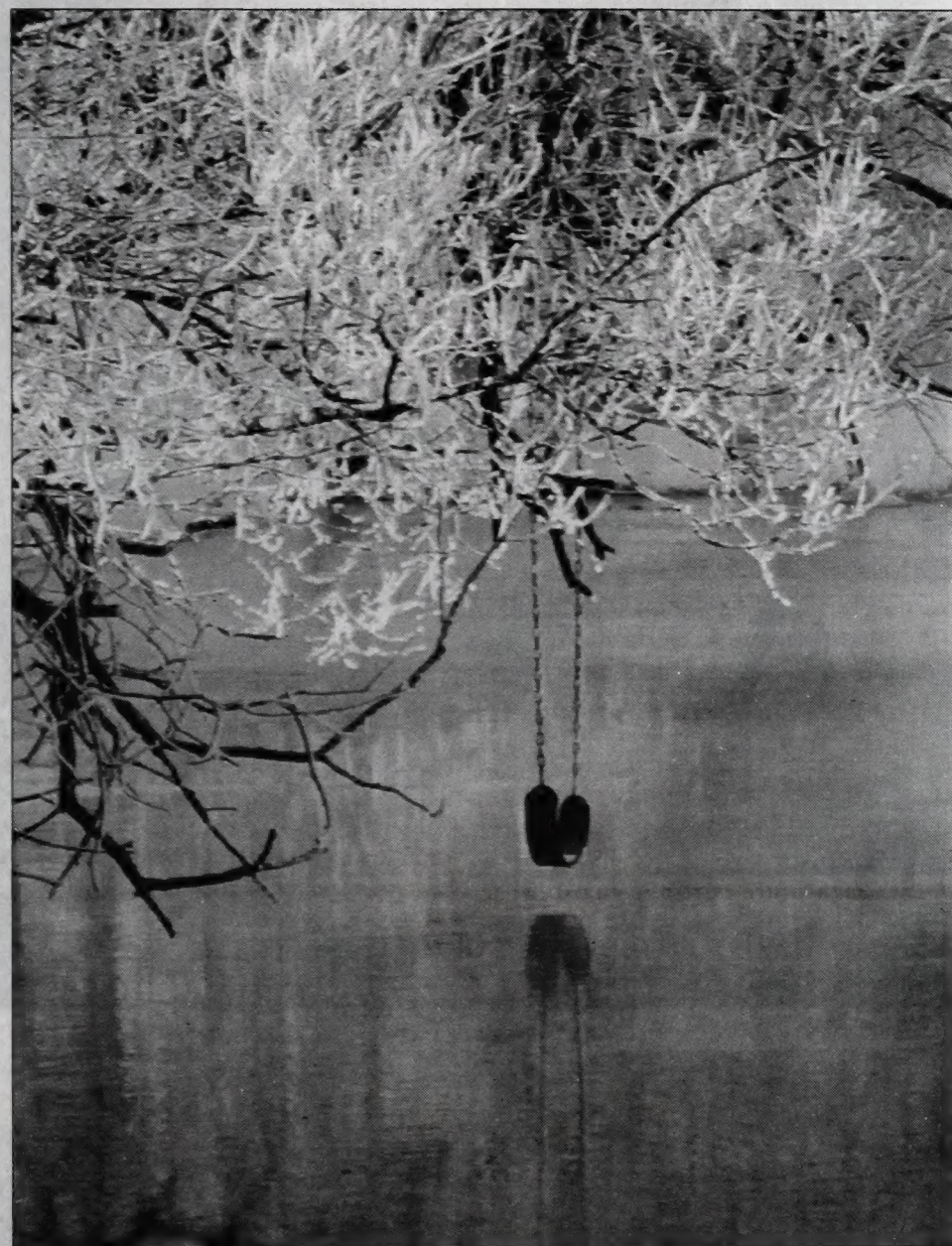
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IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Waiting for summer

Jenn Watt/The Times

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Praise for our healthcare system

To the Editor:

This letter is to express high praise for our healthcare workers. Too often these days we hear or read about problems and complaints and from my experience they are not justified.

I have just undergone knee surgery at Ross Memorial Hospital and the entire process, from the pre-op visit by a physiotherapist to the post-op visits by nurses and physiotherapists, all arranged by the Access Centre, was well organized and completely informative. The pre-op clinic at the hospital was extremely well done and on leaving the clinic I knew everything that I needed to know about the operation and the recovery.

In the hospital the nursing care was

wonderful. I have huge respect for how difficult and demanding their job is. For openers, they must walk dozens of kilometres every shift, all the time delivering kind and courteous care to their patients, some of whom must really test their patience.

The hospital food is, well, hospital food. It is not gourmet nor should anyone ever expect it to be. The simple fact that hundreds of meals are delivered every day on time and still warm is in itself quite an accomplishment.

So the next person who denigrates any aspect of our healthcare system within my hearing will get an earful and it will definitely not be a complaint.

Glen Bonham
Gull Lake

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

The science of snowmobiling

RECENTLY, in fact in the middle of this latest winter storm, a much-heralded report was released by a group of Canadian scientists; its subject was global warming. There were a lot of things noted, but to me the most interesting was the claim that in 40 or so years, our snowmobiling season would be short or even non-existent due to lack of snow and ice on our lakes. Coincidentally, the winter of 2008 is slated to end somewhere around that time too.

The truth is, all these calls for the demise of a good old-fashioned Canadian winter seem a bit hollow as I look outside my office window and see snow banks that resemble Mount Everest.

Even so, I believe we should still prepare ourselves for a world without snow or iced up lakes. Forty years, after all, passes in the blink of an eye.

As I see it, the first thing we will need to do is find another way to travel around

on our formerly frozen lakes. We'll require a new technology, something miraculous. I envision a buoyant vessel that would keep its passengers dry and above water – it should, in essence, take the place of ice. I'm not sure what this method will be yet, but I visualize a "watercraft" that floats, seats people inside, and has some sort of propulsion system so that you can travel across the unfrozen lake.

It's not going to be easy to design one of these things, especially since

we're going to need to transport it to the water – my guess is by trailer or car top – but there must be some technology we can borrow or build on to help us this craft.

The question we should probably ask

ourselves is what do they do in other parts of the world, like Florida, in January? How do they travel around on their unfrozen waters?

Buoyancy, the key is buoyancy...

I'm not sure of the answer yet – I'm no genius – but let me tell you, the guy who solves the problem will be rich.

Just imagine, being able to float to your favourite ice fishing hole and drop a line without ever having to drill a hole

through the ice. My only regret is that I'll be too old to ever travel in that technological wonder.

Sounds too good to be true doesn't it? But I

believe with modern technology and our science, we can and will accomplish this. Call me a dreamer, but if we can put a man on the moon, surely we can conquer the unfrozen waters.



OUTSIDE CHANCE

Steve Galea

The puzzle of the gate

EXCEPT FOR HIS HEAD, The Brown Dog Jiggs might be a sculpture sitting guard over Sapsucker Ridge on this late winter morning.

Foppish in reddish-brown and white, all broad shoulders and wasp waist, he sits perfectly still, lord of all he surveys from the top of our driveway.

Perfectly still, except for his head. It swings first left, then right, then back again, ears perked, nose stopping for a twitch, triangulating sounds and odours, preparing a report for the day shift.

This time of year can bring perfect mornings to The Brown Dog. With no traffic on my snowbound road, he is let out on his own and instead of roaming, he waits for the world come to him. The life around him fills him up.

On another day, home from a long walk, the world does come to him and he can't figure out what to do about it.

Dog experts say a dog has the intelligence of a three-year-old human, but that is a preposterous comparison. Jiggs is far

smarter at the things that are important to him than I will ever be, but as dumb as a hammer at things that matter to me.

Nothing has prepared him to solve the puzzle of the gate.

The gate is an opening in an orange plastic fence that surrounded Jiggs' yard in the puppy years when he couldn't be trusted out-of-doors on his own. It still stands only because I'm not sure how to uproot the posts.

So here is Jiggs, home from our morning walk, paws paused on a bottom step, ready to go inside for a long drink of water, a stomach-full of kibble, and a dead dog's sleep on the kitchen floor.

Except there is a scrabbling on the snow crust just behind us. A long nose cocks and then The Brown Dog pulls the trigger and the chase is on.

There, inside the fence, a frantic black squirrel in full panic mode goes running off in all directions, tries to climb the fence here, to burrow under it there, racing from one dead end to another, to anywhere but freedom.

On the other side of the fence, running as hard as he can go, The Brown Dog circles his prey, passing the gate once, twice, three times without even noticing the opening.

He yelps one yelp and then yelps another. His strategy is to keep running as hard as he can and hope that somehow things will turn out

well for him.

It is a scene from an old Tom and Jerry cartoon except that the squirrel thinks it is about to die, which takes some of the joy out of the moment. I collar Jiggs and take him inside to pout. The squirrel we leave to its own devices.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Start with a small garden and watch the Highlands grow

To the Editor:

What a silly statement in a recent issue that Haliburton soil is no good. Before the white men came, these hills were covered with oak trees. Later this rather sandy soil produced white pines, a most valuable timber.

To be productive any soil needs care. Because our rocks are granite we need lime, as in limestone. If that lack is supplied crops and gardens can grow. Organic material, as the leaf mould of the

1850s, grew spectacular crops. Now organic material as manure/compost and commercial fertilizer allow good growth.

Why is there never a suggestion that a small garden can be grown here? Even since I was big enough to distinguish between a weed and vegetable seedling, I have been part of the food production team. In those days people had to produce at much of their own food as possible. We were stuck with fresh vegetables rather than garden truck grown afar.

Most older people in this county have

grown some sort of garden for years (including even flowers).

Why not start with digging a small garden to supply your favourite vegetable? Everyone can take part. It is an interesting education to be part of food production.

But this is Haliburton! You have to be present to cover your tender plants during mid-June frost. You do a lot of weeding, hoeing: you find out that being clever animals, wood chucks like your lettuce. There are other insects/rodents to deal

Now I know a lot of you are probably laughing at me right now but remember 30 years ago you would have probably laughed if I had told you about modern computers.

If I'm right, these unfrozen water-going vessels will usher in a new era. With them, man will be able to travel the unfrozen oceans, go on journeys atop wintry seas, and maybe even trade goods across the formerly frozen waters of the world. Talk about exciting.

Of course, many of us miss travelling across a lake on a snowmobile but, hopefully, we can make these vessels go fast enough that the sensation will be similar.

In any case, this is a problem we should try to solve soon. So, if something comes to mind, please contact me. I've racked my brains and have come up empty. I'll keep thinking, but for now, I'm going to take my mind off of this conundrum and get my boat ready for ice out.

As a team, The Brown Dog and I would make a fine combination, each noticing things the other misses.

A snowshoe hare in winter plumage bounds across the road and Jiggs pays it no never mind. Driving into town, we startle a deer that Jiggs doesn't even notice.

I watch through the window of the room where Jiggs is resting as turkeys snuffle through the snow beneath the bird feeder, and The Brown Dog sleeps on.

In town, Bill Beers is out for a stroll with the black dog Maggie. Look, I say, there's a dog over there. And Jiggs looks right through the truck window at Maggie and says, what dog?

But in the bush, where there is no plastic fence or truck smell or window glass to interfere, he misses nothing. The sound of a stroll through the bush is the sound of Jiggs chasing clues, running three miles while I walk a mile.

Where have you gone, I holler, and in a moment he gallops by me, with no brakes on his morning run. There must be a squirrel out here, he remarks in passing.

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Sincerely,

Marion Sedgwick
Minden

Folk art exhibit a piece of our history

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

The world of folk art is much different than of other exhibits you'd find in a gallery. It's unpretentious, honest, funny and real, says collector Susan Murray.

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery is hosting Canadian folk art exhibit made up entirely of work that Murray has collected over the years and on Saturday afternoon, she told the stories behind the art to a packed gallery.

"I think this art surprises us," she said, pointing to Ewald Rentz's painted wooden police officer, whose horse had legs the same length as the officer did.

It is the idiosyncrasies and the fresh perspectives that draw people to folk art – or as Murray likes to call it, self-taught art. "I don't like the word folk," she said. "It has been so convoluted ... into kitsch."

"Teaching is about the tools of

art, but not how to do it."

"A lot of the people who make this art, you go to their homes and they don't understand why anyone would buy their art," she said.

They make art because they enjoy it, or because it appeals to tourists. Nothing like the high-art scene in New York or Paris.

The paintings and sculptures Murray has collected depict the lives of the artists and the towns they live in. "A lot of this work is capturing our history," she said.

"I'm interested [in folk art] because I studied art and was intrigued because I never learned about this. It's not part of the art elite. Not part of the establishment. I felt this art would be lost if it wasn't collected," she said.

Although much of the work appears simple, Murray's collection challenges the viewer to question what art is.

A hallway in the gallery is decked with hooked rugs. One is

Jenn Watt/TIMES



Susan Murray says that folk art is full of surprises, such as an owl wearing a crown. But it also has much to tell us about ourselves.

a polar bear. Another depicts a ship leaving behind a well-wisher.

"I used to have some of these on my floors and people got mad at me," Murray laughed. It is that blurring of art and life that makes

the folk art at Agnes Jamieson so welcoming.

Murray said she pushed to have her collection come to Minden in part because she knew there would be a lot of interest in the

town, but also because she has a cottage on Gull Lake.

The exhibit runs at the Bobcaygeon Road gallery until April 26.



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County wants to develop its own film policy

Algonquin Highlands is the first council to give initiative the green light

by JENN WATT
Times Staff

A new film policy for Haliburton County raised questions of censorship, government jurisdiction and further red tape when it was presented to Algonquin Highlands council on Thursday.

The policy, developed by the county's economic development committee and presented by director Robert Smith, seeks to co-ordinate approval processes between municipalities for outside film crews that wish to use Haliburton as a backdrop.

It includes a \$100 fee and a \$1,000 secu-

rity deposit as well as the requirement that any film company (non-profits excluded) obtain the approval of the municipality, the county, EMS, OPP, the fire department, property owners and the roads department (in certain circumstances) before proceeding.

It also carries a clause that allows the local government to veto the project if it is deemed distasteful to the public.

"From a municipal standpoint, leaving it up to five [councillors] who are members of the public, leaves us wide open. That's a great gaping yaw we can drive our censorship truck through," councillor Carol Moffatt told Smith.

"The guy who's filming porn with a handy-cam, he's not going to fill out your form anyway. So, I'm just concerned that it's setting a precedent for what I consider to be the slippery slope of censorship," Moffatt said.

Other councillors disagreed.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison thought there

needed to be some clause to allow councillors to step in when a questionable project was underway, while deputy-reeve Tom Gardner said council already has the right to stop such projects anyway.

"Maybe you're uncomfortable to see it in writing, but it doesn't bother me because that's kind of what our job is. We already make some of those decisions now," he told Moffatt.

Moffatt told council it was not only the censorship part of the policy, but also the lengthy list of approvals any film crew would need to film that made her uneasy, especially since Haliburton County isn't a popular filming venue to begin with.

"We've got policy for an industry that doesn't even know we exist," she said, pointing to the Ontario Media Development Corporation's list of venues that skips over the county.

"The language says to me you're asking for nine levels of approval instead of one or two," she said.

Smith said the policy was merely a way of checking that the crew had received the proper approvals to go ahead with the project and was less onerous than it looked.

"What I thought this was saying was that, okay, you've gone to Algonquin Highlands to get approval, so just give us a copy of that," he said.

The policy also advises that approval is needed if a company uses explosives, fires, personnel dressed in uniforms or life-threatening stunts. Smith referred to the fire that destroyed Windermere House in Muskoka as a reason to monitor film crews using explosives.

The historic locale burned to the ground in 1996 during the shooting of *Long Kiss Goodnight*.

None of the other councillors appeared to share Moffatt's concerns about the policy and it was passed. Smith plans to take the policy to the other municipalities for approval.

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(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM
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MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Mar 13 9:00 a.m. Public Meeting - Rezoning (Hill)
- Mar 13 Committee of the Whole - to follow Public Meeting
- Mar 10-14 Agnes Jamieson Gallery MARCH BREAK ART WORKSHOP - call 286-3763
- March 15 LCBO FOOD & DRINK Evening - for tickets call 286-3763
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- March 27 Council, Council Chambers
- March 31 Sesquicentennial Logo submission deadline

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For information contact:
(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM
Planning Administrator
Dated March 6, 2008

NOTICE

The Council of the Township of Minden Hills at their meeting of February 28th, 2008, adopted By-law 08-13, being a Comprehensive Fees & Charges By-law. By-law 08-13 details 2008 fees and charges for municipal services, program and facilities which came into effect upon the by-laws passing.

Cheryl McCarroll, AMCT
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NEW PLEASE NOTE

Council passed a new Fees and Charges By-law on February 28, 2008 and all fees and charges are now in place, with the exception of the Cemetery Fees.

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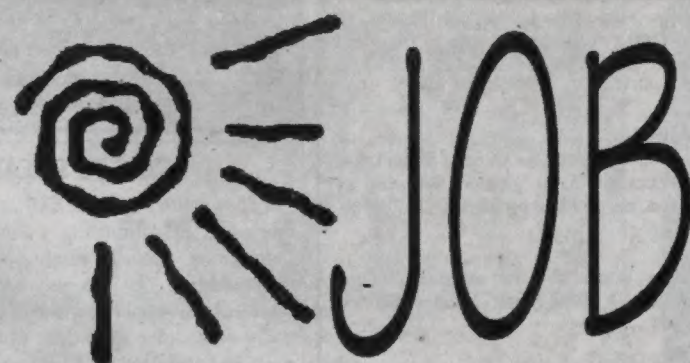
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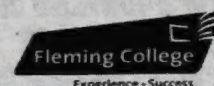


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Minden resident and Staanworth Non-Profit Housing Corporation director, Judy Churchward, has been elected to the Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association. Above, she sits with the current Staanworth board, from left: Bill Obee, Judy Churchward, Annette Richardson, Ross McMullen, Jerry Rome, Jim Hopkings, Jim Hicks and Eddie Pergolas. Missing was Ted Anthon

County in dire need of affordable housing

by JUDY CHURCHWARD
Special to the Times

I have been involved in non-profit housing in various positions for about 20 years now. It is a very nice feeling that while you enjoy your job you are helping a lot of people enjoy good, affordable housing.

Being nominated to the ONPHA board of directors is very exciting for me. It is such a meaningful, hardworking organization that I feel very honoured to be asked to be a part of it. I am hoping I have as much to give them as I know I will learn and bring back to my team here at Staanworth.

The demand for affordable housing just keeps getting bigger and bigger and more important.

I believe if we all do what we can to keep our own local people in good housing it helps everyone across the country.

Our county is in dire need of more housing for everyone. I am hoping the day will come soon when we will be involved in building more housing in Minden. When that day comes we will know we have made a big step forward in helping our local young, working families as well as our homeless people have good affordable homes to live in.

When people have housing they can afford that is costing 30 to 35 per cent of their income instead of 50 to 60 per cent, they put more back into the community instead of having to count on the community to help them out. They can afford to spend some money on decorating their homes, own a vehicle, go out to dinner on occasion. All of this puts money back into the community.





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The Senior Girls Nordic ski team qualified for the competitive relay race. From left are, Emily Turner, Mhairi Treharne, Claire Flatman, and Maddie Ferracuti. Missing Heather Cox-Gurdon.



Claire Flatman makes her way towards the finish line.

Frigid temperatures didn't slow skiers down

by MATT JAMES
Times staff

Despite the cold weather the Red Hawks Nordic ski team had a very positive OFSAA experience in North Bay from February 24-26.

Temperatures for individual races in the morning were about -23° , says co-coach Sharon Dibblee, and the downhill sections of the race were definitely chilly on the racers' skin but the students were free of any frostbite.

The Red Hawks sent five senior

girls to race in a field of 140. Emily Turner took top spot for Haliburton finishing 34th despite a spectacular tumble. Also racing for Haliburton County were Maddie Ferracuti, Claire Flatman, Mhairi Treharne, and Heather Cox-Gurdon. As a team the ladies finished 16 of the 21 teams.

Josh Wright finished 39th in the junior boys division posting the fastest average speed on the team at 17.4 km/h on a 5 km course. Isaac Smith, a new skier this year, competed in a very tough senior boys division and placed 73rd out of 139 com-

petitors with an average speed of 17.1 km/h over a 10 km course. Teammate Daniel Wright, battling a chest cold, also competed.

The Red Hawks senior girls team qualified for the relay race on day two. The relay was made up of 800 metre sprints and though the girls didn't make the finals, they all gave it a good shot and skied well.

Coaches Bruce Griffith and Dibblee are very proud of the team.

"The team represented their school with sportsmanship and grace," said Dibblee.



Maddie Ferracuti tries to chase her shadow.

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High Triple: Tom Hollerman, 614
High Triple w/hdcp: Tom Hollerman, 737

Women

High Average: Marlene Robinson, 191
High Single: Viola Cook, 232
High Single w/hdcp: Viola Cook, 296
High Triple: Barb Nash, 516
High Triple w/hdcp: Viola Cook, 694

Wednesday afternoon Mar. 5

Men

High Average Ken Thompson, 222
High Average: High Single: Robert Terro, 246
High Single w/hdcp: Rury Grosschald, 290
High triple: Ken Thompson, 658
High Triple w/hdcp: Rudy Grosschald, 762

Women

High Average: Carol Snow, 167
High Single: Carol Snow, 210
High Single w/hdcp: Carol Snow, 256
High Triple: Carol Snow, 535
High Triple w/hdcp: Carol Snow, 672

Thursday Afternoon Mar. 6

Men

High Average: Ken Thompson, 217
High Single: Lindsay Ploughman, 274
High Single w/hdcp: Lindsay Ploughman, 332
High Triple: Ken Thompson, 616
High Triple w/hdcp: Lindsay Ploughman, 714

Women

High Average: Shirley Webb, 176
High Single: Jackie Waghorn, 223
High Single w/hdcp: Jackie Waghorn, 277
High Triple: Joyce Chilton, 570
High Triple w/hdcp: Joyce Chilton, 768

MINDEN LANES

Seniors Mixed 636 March 3

Men

High Average: John Ritchie, 182
High Single: Ray St. Pierre, 193
High Triple: Ray St. Pierre, 493
High Single w/hdcp: Tom Orr, 248
High Triple w/hdcp: Tom Orr, 662

Women

High Average: Barb Ballantyne, 167
High Single: Flo Roussel, 182
High Triple: Georgi Parkes, 461
High Single w/hdcp: Flo Roussel, 258
High Triple w/hdcp: Georgi Parkes, 674



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Snow plows have been on the go all winter

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it never did stop snowing," he said.

"It's a pretty expensive year for winter this year."

The county has five trucks and Ray said they've been going nearly non-stop all winter.

"The amount of time that is involved and how many trips those trucks make, they just don't stop. Every day and pretty near every weekend," he said.

Lutterworth Pines water tests for uranium

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The Tory Hill couple also learned that Lutterworth Pines, a mobile home park in Minden Hills, had a uranium problem too.

Bob Romberg, the environmental and property operations manager for Minden Hills, noted in his presentation that past tests have come back with just over the maximum of 20 milligrams of uranium per litre. Since that time, Minden has drilled two new wells and is putting in a new water system.

For the other 42 attendees, the five presenters provided many useful tidbits of knowledge about water testing, how to keep a clean well, how Minden's water system works, and how to protect the region's drinking water.

Ever since seven people died from drinking municipal water in Walkerton in

2000, the provincial government has been investing in water systems and increasing regulations. One of the government initiatives is the drinking water source protection program. Haliburton County is of particular interest because the water from its lakes feed into large municipal water systems in Peterborough and Lindsay.

But for the bulk of rural residents – and attendees at the workshop – water is obtained through private wells, which are the responsibility of the owners.

Brenda Ibey, of the Well Wise Resource Centre in Orono, outlined the dos and don'ts of well maintenance.

"The biggest concern for ground water is private wells," Ibey told the group. She said it is essential for unused wells to be properly decommissioned or they could contaminate the ground water. When old wells are in disrepair, they can actually work against the local water system by siphoning pollutants into the water table, she said.

Ibey's organization, through the Well Aware program, gives advice on well maintenance and even does inspections for

free. She said she would try to organize a visit to Haliburton if she could get enough response from locals to have their wells checked.

The local health unit's inspector Tom Reddering gave instructions on testing water and keeping a clean well.

He said that well water should be tested three to four times a year, even if there is no reason to think the water is contaminated.

While it is possible to have your water tainted by sewage or manure, "most of the things that can contaminate your well you'll find right in your own home," Reddering said, noting that neglect of the well is the most common reason water gets contaminated.

Both Ibey and Reddering said the best time to test well water is when the frost breaks in the spring.

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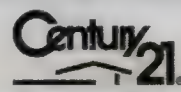
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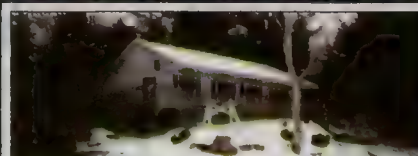
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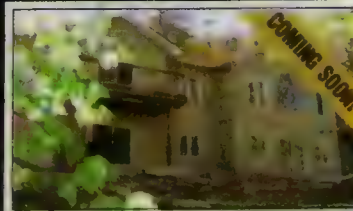
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Top: Morgan Everitt solders at the Minden Hills School of Rock March break workshop Tuesday. Bottom: Denver Smith puts the pieces of his new electric guitar together.



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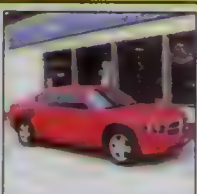
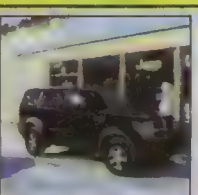


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Artists brave snowy roads to attend reception

by KEN MACPHERSON
Special to the Times

A record 53 students entered work in this year's Annual Student Art Exhibit at the Art Gallery of Bancroft. The 18th edition drew work from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Madawaska Valley District High School, North Hastings High School and Centre Hastings High School.

Ironically, in less than ideal weather, students from HHSS were the only ones to make the trip to the 10 Flint Avenue location for the show's opening reception on March 7.

"The weather was not great but the roads were not as bad as I thought they would be," said one student.

The Haliburton bunch picked up three of the top eight prizes.

Bethany Snelgrove's "Tarzan's World Shaped My Lens" claimed an honorable mention in the painting division, earning praise for being an outstanding effort of working with an idea that is outside of the box.

Lesley Slavish earned a special mention for her acrylic on paper work entitled "Lucid." Judges called it a terrific interpretation of colour with each tile telling its own story.

Jessica Austen also earned a special mention with her photograph collection "Brick Works". Judges praised it for mixing light and dark and modern and old into a series of photographs that offer a different perception of a building.

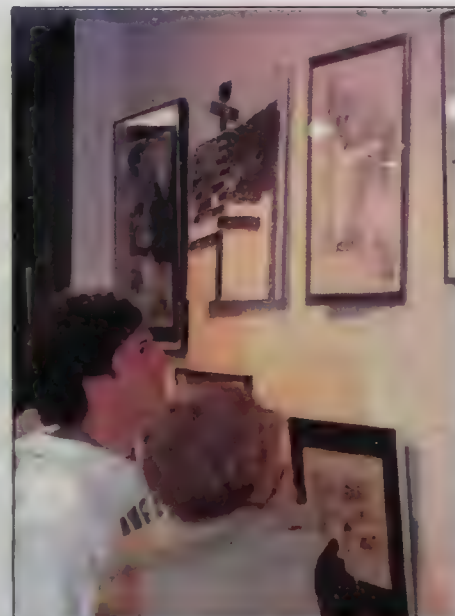
In addressing a modest crowd during opening ceremonies, gallery director Diana Gurley said, "We particularly wish to thank the four art teachers who encouraged their art students to produce the body of work we see here tonight. Many thanks go to Carol Counts, Bob Perkins, Karen Gervais and Tish Frances."

The awards were donated by Sheila Ewing in memory of her mother, Gladys, and by Don Koppin Construction.

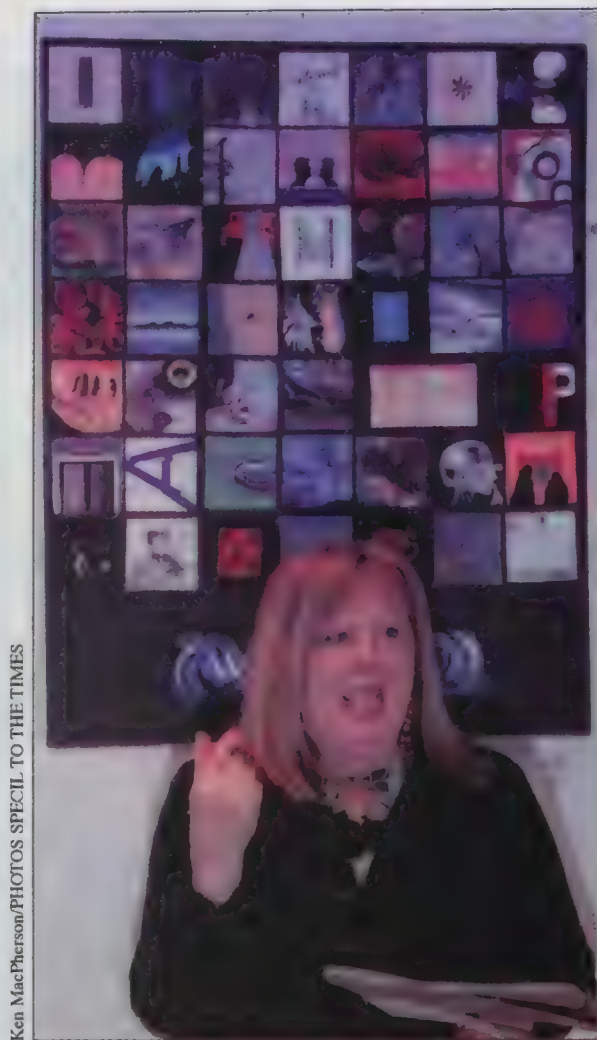
Local artists Sue McArthur and Isla Key judged the event.

The winners were: Laura Hinrichsen, MVDHS, best painting; Nadia Westerman, CHSS, best drawing; Vanessa Waller, MVDHS, best in 3-dimensional; Bethany Snelgrove, HHSS, honorable mention painting; Curtis Hudder, MVDHS, honorable mention 3-dimensional; Lesley Slavish, HHSS, special mention; Dera Burrows, NHHS, honourable mention drawing; and Jessica Austen, HHSS, special mention.

The show runs until March 30. The hours are Wednesday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free.



William Pentesco discusses his work with Bancroft Art Gallery director Diana Gurley at the 18th annual student art exhibition at its opening reception on March 7. The show runs until March 30.



Ken MacPherson/PHOTOS SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Impressed that each piece of "Lucid" told its own story, judge Isla Key gave Lesley Slavish's work a special mention in the 18th Annual Student Art Exhibition at Art Gallery of Bancroft. The Haliburton Highland Secondary School student was one of a record 53 students to enter the show, that runs at the 10 Flint Street location until March 30. The winners were announced at the official show opening on March 7.

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Owners who abandon their ice huts or store them on Crown land, islands, shore lands or access points are in violation of the Public Lands Act. Owners may be fined and could be liable for removal costs. Anglers and recreational users are also reminded to clean up and take away their garbage. To report a natural resources violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



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APPROVED 2008/2009 ANNUAL WORK SCHEDULE BANCROFT MINDEN FOREST MANAGEMENT UNIT

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (OMNR) has approved the 2008/2009 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) prepared by the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. for the Bancroft Minden Forest Management Unit (Crown lands within Hastings, Peterborough and Haliburton counties and the District of Nipissing).

The AWS describes Forest operations (i.e. road construction and maintenance, harvesting, regeneration, tree planting and tending operations) that may occur between April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009. These activities are consistent with the 2006-2026 Bancroft Minden Forest Management Plan. Further information about tree planting jobs can be obtained from the Bancroft Minden Forest Company Inc. office at the address below.

The AWS, and all subsequent revisions, is now available for public inspection and will remain available for inspection during normal business hours for its one-year term at the ministry's Bancroft District and at the Bancroft Minden Forest Inc. office (see addresses below).

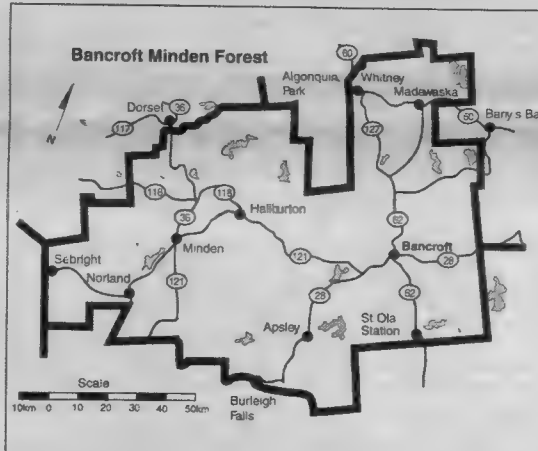
Fuelwood is available on this forest management unit. Information on the location of fuelwood areas is at the ministry's Bancroft and Minden offices (see addresses below).

A mapped summary of scheduled forest management operations, and information regarding the AWS, can be obtained by contacting the Bancroft Minden Forest Inc. or the ministry at the addresses below:

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Coming home after vacationing south is tough

Les Wilson is back from the Dominican Republic! We had a great chat about his holiday. There wasn't anything that went wrong, it was all good. For us miserable people left behind it is sometimes painful to hear the details. However, I did shrug that feeling aside because Les is a hard working guy who hasn't been away and he deserved this trip. In fact, he says he will be saving up to return there next February.

Or, he could just buy another ticket from the Community Living Travel Lottery to win another trip next year. Community Living Haliburton is planning to make the fundraising lottery a yearly event.

Les looked tanned and was absolutely still excited about his holiday. It must have been a damper to look out the plane window to see what all the rest of us have been looking at since he left.

Les, welcome back to reality!

Last Saturday was John Tidey's 40th birthday. His wife Cheryl planned a day of festivities ending with a special evening with family and friends at the Sandy Lane Resort in Hall's Lake.

It was a big disappointment to me that I did not get to go. For the last few weeks I have been teasing Nigel about his not feeling well and you know what they say about what goes around...

I don't get sick that often but it hit and it's my turn and there is no sympathy coming from the big guy. If there's any truth about loosing brain cells every time a person sneezes, I should be brain dead by the end of the week. My sneezes

scare even me!

John - I really hope you had a great birthday!

Only problem with celebrating milestones is that it makes everyone aware of your age. You can never be 40 and hold-



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ing; somewhere along the line you will be approaching 50 and so on. But age doesn't matter like it used to. That's what I tell myself anyways!

Someone who doesn't have to worry about age milestones just yet is Kevin Alcock. Kevin is a resident of Hall's Lake and is celebrating his 16th birthday on March 19. Kevin works for us during the busy season and it's a real pleasure to know him.

Happy birthday Kevin!

I hope he didn't read Jenn Watt's report last week about the young people leaving for the big city. We want Kevin to stay!!

You can tell that Jenn worked hard on this report about poverty and economics in Haliburton County and although truthful I would like to give Jenn another project. It would be really enlightening to the rest of us that believe that Haliburton County is full of opportunity. My suggestion is perhaps to interview people that choose to stay and why.

Let's have some positives, please?

Not to be negative but talking to other business owners it was disheartening to follow this report, truthful as it was. We need positives and encouragement to expand businesses, create jobs to remedy the situation. As a business owner, that kind of report could make someone stop in their tracks before expanding and say why bother or could also be a deterrent in attracting new business to our area.

Speaking of someone who has left beautiful Haliburton County, Cathy Bertrand is alive and well. She moved to be closer to her family and things are looking great for her. For those of you that know Cathy you will agree with me that our loss is definitely their gain!

Bella is suffering from cabin fever. Since she is not sporting a winter coat like her other friends in the neighborhood, Mandy and Kayden, her time outside is limited. Her training is going actually very well and she has learned quite a few useful dog tricks such as crawl, beg, find, even sorry dog. But, when I either open or close the store she sits there looking up at me with hopeful eyes begging to come. Fool that I am, I think "This time will be different" but the moment we step off the deck she becomes possessed, almost demonic. Not quite like "The Exorcist" but close. She barks, growls, tries to nip my feet, my hands. All of this while she is circling me like crazy. My dog book does not cover this! Any ideas?

In closing I have a four letter word for Mother Nature - STOP! Have a great week!

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MINDEN W.I.

President, Pam Rolfe

The February 20 meeting of the Minden W. I. was held at the home of Secretary Mary Cox. Sixteen members were in attendance and, in the absence of the president, the vice-president Clara presided.

The Roll Call was "Tell a Joke" and the members came through with flying colours and there was a lot of laughter. I think that in the middle of a long cold winter, laughter is the best medicine.

Dell read the two-month report of the

current events and the Tweedsmuir Events. Beryl submitted the co-ordinator report for 2006-2007 which was well received.

A lot of work goes into making these reports and we appreciate the time spent on these projects.

Lunch was served by Mary and Karin and a social 20 minutes or so was enjoyed by all present.

The next meeting will be held on March 19 at 1.30 p.m. and Jean Cox will be the hostess. Donations will be received of non-perishable food items from the members for the Easter Food Bank.

For information call Jean at 286-1618 of Pam at 754-2564. Visitors are welcome.

New Home for Open Stage

Those who play music (new and experienced) and those who like to listen (young and old) are invited to Open Stage on Saturday, March 15 at its new location. The Haliburton County Folk Society is pleased to announce that the new venue for Open Stage will be the Haliburton Highlands Museum in Haliburton.

Good acoustics, a warm atmosphere, and lots of Haliburton County heritage make the museum the ideal location for Open Stage. The audience at several recent and very successful concerts held there can attest to that claim.

Open Stage is yours to discover. Visit with friends, sip on a tasty beverage, enjoy our dynamic hosts, and of course, tap your toes to the fine tunes performed by Haliburton County musicians, and special (and sometimes surprise) guests. You

never know who will show up at an Open Stage.

The Open Stage is held on the third Saturday of every month. The music starts at 8:00 pm; the doors open at 7:30. Performers can sign up upon arrival. Admission is only \$2. All ages welcome.

The Haliburton County Folk Society would like to thank Peter and Alison of the York Street Internet Café for hosting Open Stage for the last few years. Thanks for the great space, the fine hospitality, the delicious java and all the hard work setting and cleaning up.

For more details on Open Stage and the Haliburton County Folk Society see www.haliburtonfolk.com, e-mail info@haliburtonfolk.com or call (705) 754-FOLK (3655).

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Keep the kids entertained in the kitchen

by FRANKA ANDRIANO
Special to The Times

March break is here and as usual it is always a good idea to keep some ideas on the back burner for bad weather.

When the kids aren't outside playing or planted in front of the computer or video games get them into the kitchen. Kids love to cook, especially the mixing and decorating stage.

I find that with kids under 10 it is best to have most of the ingredients and measuring cups and spoons ready. Also if you have more than one child helping, divvy up the duties evenly. Whenever my niece and nephew come to stay they love to bake and always want to do the mixing, so I make sure each have enough to do so they don't fight.

Here are some sweet treats to keep them busy in the kitchen

Vanilla Cupcakes

1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 cup butter at room temperature
1 cup sugar
2 eggs at room temperature
2 tsp vanilla
3/4 cup milk

Preheat oven to 350°. Line a 2-cup muffin tin with paper cups or spray with oil. Place flour, baking powder and salt in a bowl. Using a fork, stir until evenly mixed.

In a large bowl, using an electric mixer, beat butter until creamy, one minute.

Beat in sugar, then eggs one at a time. Don't worry if mixture separates; it'll come together when flour is added. Beat in vanilla. Gradually beat in one third of flour mixture just until blended, then one half of milk.

Repeat additions, ending with flour mixture. Beat just until blended and after each addition. Divide batter between muffin cups, filling 1/2 full.

Bake in centre of oven until a cake tester inserted in centre of cupcakes comes out clean, 20-25 minutes (I use a skewer or butter knife).

Remove pan to a cooling rack. Cool 15 minutes, then remove cakes too rack to cool completely to decorate.

210 calories, 8.9 fat

Vanilla Buttercream

4 egg whites
1 and 1/3 cups sugar
1 and 1/2 cup unsalted butter at room temperature
3 tbsp vanilla

Fill bottom of a large saucepan with one inch water. Bring to a boil then reduce heat

so it's barely simmering

Find a large heatproof bowl that will fit in saucepan but NOT touch water.

Place bowl on counter. Place egg whites and sugar in bowl. Position over simmering water. Using an electric mixer, beat on high just until egg mixture is warm and increased in volume, and will hold soft peaks when beaters are lifted, 1 to 2 minutes.

The consistency will be thick but not stiff. Remove from heat. Continue beating until mixture and bowl are completely cool 4-6 minutes.

Can be made ahead and refrigerated for up to one week or freeze. When thawing, bring to room temperature and then using an electric mixer, beat on medium until smooth 1-2 minutes

For pretty colours add a few drops of food colouring into buttercream.

Use small bowls for different colours. Kids love to make up their own colours; let them go crazy. Black icing anyone?

Chocolate:

Melt 3 oz bittersweet chocolate. Allow to cook; when cool beat into buttercream along with vanilla. Then sift 2 tbsp cocoa over buttercream and continue to beat until mixed.

Lemon:

Beat 2 tbsp each freshly squeezed lemon juice and freshly grated lemon peel into buttercream along with vanilla.

Cappuccino: (for the adults)

Stir in 2 tbsp instant coffee with 2 tbsp boiling water. When cool beat into buttercream along with vanilla

Piña Colada:

Beat 2 tsp coconut extract and 2 tbsp grated lemon peel into buttercream along with vanilla.

Use sprinkles, sparkles, smarties and other fun stuff to decorate.

This is the part the kids love.

From Chatelaine June 2007

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Single Trip Permits issued by the Roads Department, for transporting over dimensional loads on County Roads, will still be issued but shall be subject to the reduced loading conditions during the above noted period.

Doug Ray
Director of Public Works

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act; and

IN THE MATTER OF a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton to stop up, close and convey to the adjoining landowner, a portion of the County road allowance, situated in part of Lot 19 Concession X, within the Geographic Township of STANHOPE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton proposes to read and consider a by-law to stop up, close and convey a portion of County road allowance. Further, the reading of the proposed by-law will take place in the Council Chambers of the Administration Building at 11 Newcastle Street, in the Town of Minden, Ontario, on March 26, 2008. Lastly, the description of the subject lands is as follows:

That segment of County road allowance, being part of the road right of way of the Little Hawk Lake Road, situated in Part of Lot 19 Concession X, in the Geographic Township of Stanhope and designated as Part No. 1 as shown on Plan 19R 8499 registered NOVEMBER 21, 2006.

The plan of survey is available for inspection at the Roads Department Office, 3 Saint Germaine St., Minden, Ontario during office business hours. (8:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Monday to Friday)

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the County of Haliburton shall hear in person, or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard before passing the said by-law, at its meeting to be held as noted above.

DATED at the Township of Minden Hills this 12th. day of March 2008.

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Township of Algonquin Highlands

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2008 PRELIMINARY BUDGET MEETING
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Thursday, March 20, 2008
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Carolyn Moore/SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

Jody Peters of Bancroft and Neil Campbell of Minden hang a bucket at the Haliburton-Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers' Association's official launch of the 2008 maple season.

Sap tapping is family biz

The chill of early March kept the sap from running but it didn't stop last Friday's celebration of the 2008 maple syrup season at the Staples sugarbush near Cavan.

Producers from across the territory covered by the Haliburton-Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers' Association (HKMSPA) turned out for the annual ceremony, held this year at the farm of Robert and Jill Staples.

It was a chance for the Staples, four-time world champions at the Royal Winter Fair, to show off their state-of-the-art sugar shack, which processes sap from their 2,700 taps.

The Staples family first came to the Cavan area in 1813 and have been making maple syrup ever since. Their interest in maple was first documented in a letter home to Ireland that year.

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Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must be 17 years of age (but not 18) by December 31, 2008. This means that all applicants must be born in 1991.
- Applicants must be an Ontario resident.
- Applicants must be eligible to work in Canada.
- Applicants must be in good physical condition due to

the physical demands of the job.

• Applicants should express an interest in the natural resources field.

For more information, please consult www.youth.mnr.gov.on.ca.

Please send a completed application form, cover letter and résumé directly to the address below. Please indicate how your skills, knowledge and experience relate to the position listed above.

For further information please contact Nicole Tuyten at (705) 286-5206 or by e-mail at nicole.tuyten@ontario.ca.

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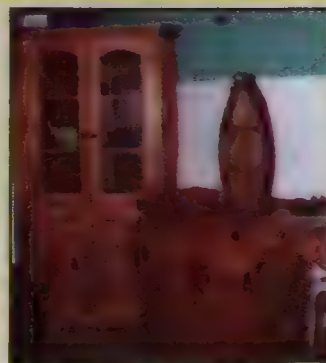
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- Join a forum on "Gull River Restoration" @ 2:00 p.m.
- View poster displays of this year's research and service projects by Trent University students as well as others presented by organizations within our community
- Network with other researchers and community developers
- Refreshments provided

For more information please contact Heather
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Donations welcomed for upcoming auctions

With all this snow we need some spring reminders other than that "Spring ahead, Fall back" stuff. For me time changes are like jet lag but still the longer light hours are much welcomed.

The Lee Valley Garden Tools 2008 and Sears Spring/Summer catalogues are prominently displayed on the coffee table along with the first seed catalogue which arrived last week. As they say "hope springs eternal".

So, in keeping with that sentiment, here from Diane Austin, Chair of the Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development are some happenings to look forward to. The very popular annual Dinner Auction will be held at the Galway Hall on Saturday, April 26 to raise funds for several projects including downtown beautification and upgrades. Donations of items for the Live, Silent

and Loonie Auctions and Country Raffle would be most welcome. Planning is also underway for the summer evening Music in the Park series every Thursday evening

during July and August and also for the Artists in the Station program on summer weekends. If interested in participating in these events or donating auction items please give Diane a call at 488-2635. A new event this

year will be the Kinmount Kountry Jamboree from June 26 to 29 at the Fairgrounds sponsored by the Kinmount Agricultural Society. What another great opportunity to showcase our hometown.

New visitors to the bird feeder this week were morning doves and grey jays or whiskey jacks. The April 2008 issue of Harrowsmith Country Life on Page 12 lists common birds, many familiar to our area, whose numbers are

now at historic lows mainly due to habitat loss. A recent CANOE FM guest speaker reported that robins and dragonflies are now being seen much further north in regions where there is no word in the language spoken for them.

Area churches will be holding special Easter services and information will be available through the church offices. Here at Kinmount United Church there will be a Tenebrae Service on Good Friday, March 21st, at 7:30 p.m. with Rev. Desmond Howard presiding. Tenebrae comes from the Latin word for "shadows, darkness" and the Service is very reflective in keeping with the events of Good Friday. Easter Sunday celebrations will be at the regular time of 9:45 a.m.

Mark your calendars now for the Earth Hour Challenge coming up on Saturday, March 29 and turn off your lights from 8 to 9 p.m. to express concern with regard to global warming and its effects on our planet home Earth. It is the least we can do.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

March 4 bid euchre at Minden Legion: Our reporter Jean Scadden led the pinks at 257 with Edith Burch 243 second and Sharon Jarvis 227 third. First for the gents was Marcel Roussel at 264 then Dana Briscoe 221 with Jesse Barlow and Bev Johnson tied for third at 219. Gala Stamp, Albert Foster, Marcel Roussel and Isobel Cherwenka [2] took the moonshots while Jean Scadden, Maria Tschida, Tom Grix and Isobel Cherwenka won the draws.

March 4 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: Top team members were our reporter Pearl Cowen and George Hamilton at 375 then Diane Platt and Flo Roussel at 223. Connie Sawyer partnered with Tom Macartney claimed third place at 215 while Merv Elstone and Margaret Worrell had the afternoon's low at 61 points.

March 4 euchre at Lochlin: Barb Carpenter reports that Hazel Benetin was high representing the men and Doris Robertson was low with Emily Harvie high lady and Isabelle Saunders was low. Tom Grix held the most lone hands and Betty Hicks won the special draw.

March 4 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were four Slams over the afternoon first by Jan Heaven and Muriel McIntosh with Muriel and Margo Davidson teaming up for the second. Rob Eaton and Kelly Metcalf and Dave Heaven partnered with Pat Hannah took the other two.

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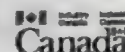
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It's all in the cards

From page 22

Rob Eaton topped the high scoring chart at 8420 followed by Ross Fletcher 5510, Kelly Metcalf 5070 and Muriel McIntosh 4840. Betty Dicker won the lucky draw and Pearl Foster the Shiny Penny while Rob carried home the "R.R." Award in his "Romp'n Rob" style.

March 6 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to Gala Stamp and Bob Pollard with Maria Tschida and Don Hicks recording the high scores. Hazel Dorman and Bev Johnson had the evening's lows and Kay Orr, Syd Adamson, Bob Pollard along with Jesse Barlow took the other prizes.

March 7 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing the Howell method first place went to Bruce Armstrong and Pat Hannah at 70% with Stella McMillan and Muriel McIntosh next at 63%. Filling the third slot were Reet Murray and our reporter Ross Fletcher at 54%.

March 7 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Doreen Francis reports that Gala Stamp won for high hands, Pat Bailey for lone hands, Martha Harding for low hands and Jean Ingram for the draw prize.

March 7 bid euchre at Club 35: For the pinks top marks went to Carol Keel at 289 with Marj Coffey next at 264 and Helen Windsor 243 third. Dave Switzer's 314 points sealed first place for the white cards then it was Dick Coffey 285 second and Jean Dutka 244 third. Jean also had a moonshot along with Garth Windsor while Merv Elstone held the hidden score.

March 8 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Single moonshots landed on Pat Roussel, Jesse Barlow, Gala Stamp, Edith Burch and Albert Foster with June Branning and Emily Harvie each taking

two. Emily also topped the pinks at 374 with June Branning second at 311 and Isobel Cherwenka 267 third. Pat Bailey was high for the white cards at 295 then Theresa Deak 276 and Pearl Cowen 263. Thanks to Gala Stamp for this update.

March 10 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: In the lone hands column it was Lois Adamson and Kevin Maloney with our reporter Lorna Hicks and Valerie Clark taking the high scores. Syd Adamson had the afternoon's low while Kevin Maloney and Mabel Deacon won the draw prizes.

March 10 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top trio members were Theresa Deak at 324, Dorothy McElwain 270 and Phyllis Windsor 248. Our reporter Pauline Franzen won the draw with Sam Gaudet, Sharron Atkinson, Phyllis Windsor and Theresa Deak taking the moonshots.

March 10 euchre at Club 35: Lone hand honours went to Perry Morrison while Ivan Kernohan won the bologna. Jean Dutka and Kathy Kernohan recorded the high scores with Clara Miscio and Harry Randell taking the evening's lows. Thanks to Jean Dutka for this update.

March 10 cribbage at Minden Legion: First place went to Joe Rivers followed by Sharron Atkinson and Pat Scadden with Betty Jockim, Edith Burch, Ann Cundall, Don Hicks and our reporter Elva Paisley taking home the other prizes.

March 10 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Bev Johnson won for high hands, Carolyn Smale for lone hands, Sherin Brown for low hands and Doreen French for the special prize. Elaine Yeo reports a great turnout again with new players always welcome.

Can history guide the future?

Professor Orie Loucks, who grew up in Minden Hills and is now professor emeritus at Miami University, will be the guest speaker at U-Links' upcoming Celebration of Research on Saturday, March 29.

Dr. Loucks' talk is entitled "Can the history of resource use in Haliburton be any guide to competitive future development?"

There will also be a community forum on the Gull River restoration project.

The community is invited to join U-Links in celebrating the work of the work of Trent University students involved in this year's community-based projects. These research & service projects inform our community about a broad range of social, cultural, environmental, and economic top-

ics and issues.

The event is an opportunity for organizations, students, and interested citizens to meet, share information, and build on the great ideas that often begin with a bit of research.

Dr. Loucks' keynote speech will begin at 1 with the Gull River forum starting at 2.

From 1:40 to 4 p.m. the students' projects will be on display. Community groups are also invited to set up a table.

The event takes place in the Great Hall at the Haliburton campus of Fleming College. Refreshments will be provided. For more information please contact Heather Reid at U-Links, 286-2411 or ulinks@on.aibn.com.

Speakers to speak again

Young student orators will hone their speaking skills at the annual Royal Canadian Legion Public Speaking Contest at Branch 636 Minden on March 18.

Grade 1 through 8 students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School will compete for cash prizes and a chance to compete in the Legion's province-wide contest. Speakers will select their own topics.

A first place cash prize of \$25, a second prize of \$20 and a third place prize of \$15 will be awarded to the top three speakers,

after selection by a panel of judges.

Winner of first place in the evening's event will go on to speak at the Legion's Zone F competition in Haliburton, March 29, and compete against contestants from 13 other Legion branches.

The March 18 event is free, open to the public and will be held in the main lounge. It starts at 7 p.m.. The Minden Legion is on Highway 35 just north of the County Road 21 intersection.

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- **Mar 15:** Youth Saturday Art Club - continues March 15, April 12, May 10 and June 14 from 9am to 2pm. Pre-registration required one week before each workshop by calling the gallery. A combination of art history and art creation this is an opportunity for youths to learn more about art and further develop their skills. \$30 per youth per workshop. Supplies included. Agnes Jamieson Gallery 286-3763
- **Mar 17:** St. Patrick's Day Beef Stew and Biscuit Dinner, Minden United Church. 5-7pm. Cost is \$12 per person, \$5 Children (6-12yrs). Pre-schoolers free, \$30 per family (4 or more people). Advance Tickets available at the Minden Pharmasave or by calling 286-2493. Tickets will also be available at the door.
- **Mar 20 - April 24:** Babysitter Training Course - Ontario Early Years Centre Haliburton Victoria Brock - 6 sessions. Minden OEYC Thursdays from 4-6pm. Must be 12 years old by June 30, 2008. Pre-registration required at 286-4625.
- **Mar 20:** Haliburton County Food Handler Course. Event is held to certify food handlers in safe food handling methods. Cost \$20/person. Held at Health Unit office (191 Highland Street, Unit 301) in Haliburton Village from 9 am to 3 pm. Call (705) 457-1391 for more details and to register.
- **Mar 26:** Minden Community Forum: The Social Elements of a strong Community - Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle Street, at 7:30pm. Babysitting provided. For more information contact Carolyn Cobourn at 754-9859.
- **Mar 26:** Emergency First Aid & Level A CPR Course - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 a.m. at Haliburton Curling Club, Haliburton. For further information, please call St. John Ambulance, Kawartha Branch 324-9894
- **Mar 26 & 27:** Standard First Aid & Level A CPR Course - 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 a.m. at Haliburton Curling Club, Haliburton. Must attend both sessions. For further information, please call St. John Ambulance, Kawartha Branch 324-9894
- **Mar 27:** VON Foot Care Clinic starting at 9 a.m.. Located at Staunworth Court Lounge, Minden. Subsequent clinics the fourth Thurs. of the month. To book an appointment call 1-800-743-6255. Everyone Welcome.

ONGOING EVENTS

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- The Haliburton Highlands Handweavers & Spinners Guild meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m., new members welcome. Contact Marian Gillanders, 489-3574, for information on meeting location.
- The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group meets the 3rd Tues. of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at the Highland Crest Senior Citizen's home in Minden. Call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- The Minden Women's Institute - Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of the month, now until June/08 at 1:30 p.m. Contact Pam 754-1656 or Mary 286-1158 for upcoming meeting location.
- TOPS - Take off pounds sensibly. Join us Mondays at Community Care. First meeting free. Weigh-in at 9:30-10 a.m. followed by short meeting. Call Don or Mary at 447-2420.
- Township of Algonquin Highlands - For adults & seniors in the community, Euchre at Club 35 on Mondays at 7 p.m. For more info call: 489-2945.
- Township of Algonquin Highlands - Writers Circle every other Sat. at Club 35 at 9 a.m. The circle is open to writers of all capabilities, (experienced or emerging). Call: 489-3878.
- Skating - Moms & Tots Skating (Free) Wednesdays 10am-12pm. or, Adults Skate (\$1.00) Wednesdays Noon-2 pm, both held at the SG Nesbitt Arena, Minden.
- Security Check Phone Call - Community Care Haliburton County has volunteers to give seniors 55+ or physically disabled adults a Security Check Phone Call. Call Judy at 457-2941.
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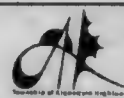
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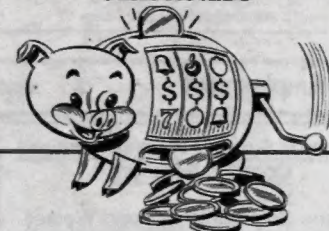
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To the loyal customers of Minden Taxi:



We again are forced to take drastic measures to be able to keep Minden Taxi up and running at all. The revenue Canada has told us that we must change the classification of our drivers. They barely made a living the way it was before, but having to pay the cost of gas and further government deductions, makes it impossible to survive on this job as a source of real income. As the owner, the further deductions added to my cost, mixed with the cost of maintenance, and insurance rates, makes it near impossible to run the business the way I have been running it. I can no longer justify calling someone in that will have to earn less on his income, than out on deductions. I can no longer promise shorter wait times for calls during the day, and the night shift will have to be much earlier. I can't get up at 6:00am to get the people off to work, and be expected to sit up until 2:00am to clear out the bars. I will do my best, but I'm only one guy.

My first priority will be to my account calls, the people for Haliburton Home Care, Insurance accounts, contracts decided upon long before this happened. To the people who I can't get to, I recommend you call your M.P. or M.P.P. and let them know why you need the Minden Taxi. During daytime hours I will be doing my best to keep up to the calls I can take, I hope you will show some patience and understand I feel the same way you do. The guy runs the business by the books, and the government just won't cut him any slack. It's a much-needed service in the community, and it looks like it's going to take a big cutback. We apologize for any inconvenience, and thank you for your support

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NOTICE OF TENDER
FOR ST. PETER'S ROAD BRIDGE
APPROACH RECONSTRUCTION

SEALED TENDERS on the forms supplied will be received in the envelopes provided by the Manager of Operations of the Township of Algonquin Highlands until:

12:00 noon, local time, Tuesday, April 1, 2008.

For the reconstruction of the approach to St. Peter's Road Bridge, located on St. Peter's Road, approximately 0.02 km south of North Shore Road in the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

The work includes, but is not necessarily limited to the following:

- Benching and grading of approach sideslopes and installation of rock protection
- Removal and replacement of guide rail
- Removal and replacement of concrete curb and gutter
- Hot-mix asphalt paving

Tender documents may be obtained at the office of the Engineer upon payment of a non-refundable sum of \$50.00 (inclusive of G.S.T.) payable to "G.D. Jewell Engineering Inc."

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

If you are interested in receiving further information on this project, please contact the following individuals:

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Belleville, ON K8N 4Z7
Phone 613-969-1111
Fax 613-969-8988
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Tenders

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TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS
NOTICE OF TENDER
FOR THE REHABILITATION OF
THE AIRPORT ROAD BRIDGE

SEALED TENDERS on the forms supplied will be received in the envelopes provided by the Manager of Operations of the Township of Algonquin Highlands until:

1:00 p.m., local time, Tuesday, April 1, 2008.

For the rehabilitation of the Airport Road Bridge, located on the Airport Road, approximately 0.55 km south of North Shore Road.

The work includes, but is not necessarily limited to the following:

- Partial depth concrete removals and overlay of exposed concrete deck
- Removal and replacement of guide rail on all four quadrants
- Grading approaches and installation of concrete curb and gutter

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Robert 'Bob' Johnson

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At Haliburton Hospital on Monday March 3, 2008 in his 71st year. Dear son of the late Frederick & Katherine Johnson. Loving brother of Lila Gibson and Dorothy Wilson. Predeceased by his sisters Sylvia, Irene and Lorna. Bob did not have an easy life, but with fortitude, a sense of humour and a ready smile, he managed to overcome most difficulties. He was widely known as a generous and an utterly honest man.

Celebration Of Life

In honour of Bob's wishes, there will be no funeral. Instead cremation has taken place and his ashes, together with those of his beloved dog "Spike" will be scattered in the spring. As expressions of sympathy donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 (705)457-9209.

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Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com on Monday, March 10, 2008 from 12:00 noon until the time of the Funeral Service at 1:00 pm. Cremation to follow.

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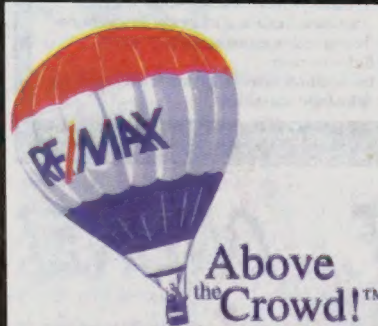


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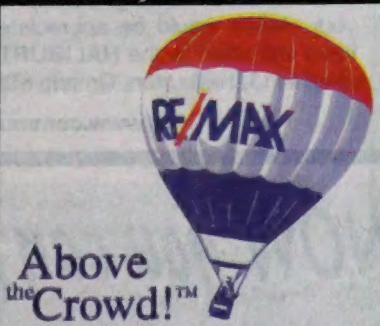
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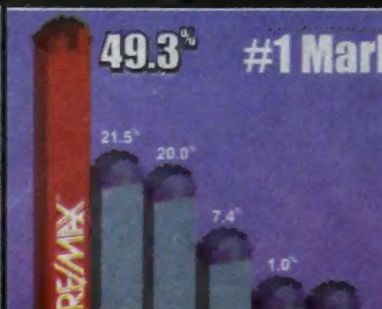
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